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CHAPTER 1610  
International Fire Code

EDITOR'S NOTE: This chapter, formerly titled "BOCA National Fire Prevention Code", a codification of Ordinance 239, passed January 8, 1997, was repealed in its entirety and re-titled "International Fire Code" upon the adoption of Ordinance 01-02, passed August 8, 2001, codified herein. Ordinance 01-02 was repealed in its entirety by Ordinance 05-02, passed August 10, 2005, codified herein.

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CROSS REFERENCES

- Fires and fire protection generally - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 29.1 et seq., 48.181, 125.401 et seq., 750.240 et seq.
  - Fire Commission - see ADM. Ch. 286
  - Fire Department - see CHTR. Ch. 27, Sec. 5; ADM. Ch. 250
  - Fire hydrants - see S.U. & P.S. 1042.05
  - Burning of garbage and rubbish - see S.U. & P.S. 1060.08
  - Smoke detectors - see B. & H. Ch. 1484
  - Interference with Fire Suppression Forces; Emergencies - see F.P. Ch. 1612
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1610.01 ADOPTION OF CODE.

A certain document, three copies of which are on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Grand Blanc, being marked and designated as the International Fire Code, 2009 edition, as published by the International Code Council, be and is hereby adopted as the Fire Code of the City of Grand Blanc, in the State of Michigan, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Grand Blanc are hereby referred to, adopted, and made a part hereof, as if fully set out in this chapter, with the additions, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, prescribed in Section 1610.02.

(Ord. 05-02. Passed 8-10-05; Ord. 12-02. Passed 6-13-12.)

### 1610.02 AMENDMENTS.

The International Fire Code, as adopted in Section 1610.01, is hereby revised as follows:

Section 101.1 Insert: City of Grand Blanc.

Section 109.3 Insert: Misdemeanor, five hundred dollars (\$500.00), 90 days.

Section 111.4 Insert: Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) and five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

(Ord. 05-02. Passed 8-10-05; Ord. 12-02. Passed 6-13-12.)

### 1610.03 STORAGE LIMITS ESTABLISHED.

The geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2003 International Fire Code, as adopted in Section 1610.01, are hereby established as follows:

Section 3204.3.1.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of flammable cryogenic fluids in stationary containers is prohibited): Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T, LDMF, HDMF, and MH.

Section 3404.2.9.5.1 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks outside of buildings is prohibited): Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T, LDMF, HDMF, and MH.

Section 3406.2.4.4 (geographic limits in which the storage of Class I and Class II liquids in above-ground tanks is prohibited): Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T, LDMF, HDMF, and MH.

Section 3804.2 (geographic limits in which the storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted for the protection of heavily populated or congested areas): Zoning Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, R-T, LDMF, HDMF, and MH.

(Ord. 05-02. Passed 8-10-05.)

### 1610.99 PENALTY.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: See Section 202.99 for general Code penalty if no specific penalty is provided.)

## 2013 Replacement

CHAPTER 1612  
Interference with Fire Suppression Forces; Emergencies

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1612.04 Compliance with orders.	1612.11 Unauthorized use of fire suppression equipment.
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1612.06 Damage or injury to Fire Department equipment or personnel.	1612.13 Street obstructions.
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CROSS REFERENCES

Fire Department - see CHTR. Ch. 27, Sec. 5; ADM. Ch. 250  
 Fires and fire protection generally - see M.C.L.A. Secs. 29.1 et seq., 48.181, 125.401 et seq., 750.240 et seq.  
 Fire hydrants - see S.U. & P.S. 1042.05  
 Burning of garbage and rubbish - see S.U. & P.S. 1060.08  
 Smoke detectors - see B. & H. Ch. 1484  
 International Fire Code - see F.P. Ch. 1610

1612.01 PURPOSE.

The purpose of this chapter is to:

- (a) Control conditions which could impede or interfere with the Fire Suppression Forces of the City; and
- (b) Provide for the recovery of expenses in the control, containment, extinguishment or removal of any hazardous material, liquid or chemical.  
(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

1612.02 AUTHORITY AT FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES.

The Fire Prevention Code Official, or his or her duly authorized representatives as may be in charge at the scene of a fire or other emergency involving the protection of life and/or property, are hereby authorized to direct such operations as may be necessary to extinguish or control any suspected or reported fires, gas leaks or other hazardous conditions or situations and to take any other action necessary in the reasonable

performance of their duty. The Official or his or her representative may prohibit any person, vehicle or object from approaching the scene and may remove or cause to be removed from the scene any person, vehicle or object which may impede or interfere with the operations of the Fire Department. The Official or his or her representative may remove or cause to be removed any person, vehicle or object from hazardous areas. All persons ordered to leave a hazardous area shall do so immediately and shall not re-enter the area until authorized to do so by the Official or his or her representative.

(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

#### 1612.03 INTERFERENCE WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.

No person shall interfere with, attempt to interfere with, conspire to interfere with, obstruct or restrict the mobility of, or block the path of travel of, any Fire Department emergency vehicle in any way, or interfere with, attempt to interfere with, conspire to interfere with, or obstruct or hamper, any Fire Department operation.

(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

#### 1612.04 COMPLIANCE WITH ORDERS.

No person shall willfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of the Fire Prevention Code Official or interfere with the compliance attempts of another individual.

(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

#### 1612.05 UNLAWFUL BOARDING ON OR TAMPERING WITH FIRE DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT.

No person shall cling to, attach himself or herself to, climb upon or into or board or swing upon, any Fire Department emergency vehicle, whether the same is in motion or at rest, or sound the siren, horn, bell or other sound-protecting device thereon, or manipulate or tamper with, or attempt to manipulate or tamper with, any levers, valves, switches, starting devices, brakes, pumps or any equipment or protective clothing on, or a part of, any Fire Department emergency vehicle, without authorization from the Fire Prevention Code Official in charge of the Fire Department emergency equipment.

(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

#### 1612.06 DAMAGE OR INJURY TO FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT OR PERSONNEL.

No person shall damage, deface or attempt to conspire to damage or deface any Fire Department emergency vehicle at any time, or injure, attempt to injure or conspire to injure Fire Department personnel while such personnel are performing Department duties.

(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

#### 1612.07 BLOCKING FIRE HYDRANTS AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS.

No person shall obscure from view, damage, deface, obstruct or restrict access to any fire hydrant or any Fire Department connection for the pressurization of fire suppression systems, including fire hydrants and Fire Department connections that are located on public or private streets and access lanes or on private property.

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If, upon the expiration of the time mentioned in a notice of violation, obstructions or encroachments have not been removed, the Fire Prevention Code Official shall proceed to remove the same. Cost incurred in the performance of necessary work shall be paid from the Municipal Treasury on certificate of the Fire Prevention Code Official and with the approval of the Chief Administrative Official. The legal authority of the Municipality shall institute appropriate action for the recovery of such costs.  
(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.08 HYDRANT USE APPROVAL.

No person shall use or operate any fire hydrant intended for use by the Fire Department for fire suppression purposes without first obtaining a permit therefor from the Fire Prevention Code Official and the Department of Public Works, except for the use of such hydrants by persons employed by, and authorized to make such use by, the Department of Public Works. (Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.09 PLACEMENT OF HYDRANTS AND WATER MAINS.

The Fire Prevention Code Official shall recommend to the Chief Administrative Official of the Municipality the location or relocation of new or existing fire hydrants and the placement or replacement of inadequate water mains located upon public property and deemed necessary to provide an adequate fire flow and distribution pattern. A fire hydrant shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Prevention Code Official.  
(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.10 PRIVATE FIRE HYDRANTS.

All new and existing oil storage plants, lumber yards, amusement or exhibition parks, educational or institutional complexes and similar occupancies and uses involving high fire or life hazards, which are located more than 150 feet from a public street or which require quantities of water beyond the capabilities of the public water distribution system, shall be provided with properly placed fire hydrants. Such fire hydrants shall be capable of supplying fire flows as required by the Fire Prevention code Official and shall be connected to a water system in accordance with accepted engineering practices. The Fire Prevention Code Official shall designate and approve the number and location of such fire hydrants. He or she may require the installation of sufficient fire hose and equipment housed in accordance with approved rules and may require the establishment of a trained fire brigade when the hazard involved requires such measures. Private hydrants shall not be placed into or removed from service until approved by the Fire Prevention Code Official.  
(Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.11 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF FIRE SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT.

No person shall obstruct, remove, tamper with or otherwise disturb any fire hydrant or fire appliance required to be installed or maintained under this Fire Prevention Code, except for the purpose of extinguishing a fire, training or testing purposes, recharging, making necessary repairs or



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when permitted by the Fire Prevention Code Official. Whenever a fire appliance is removed, as herein permitted, it shall be replaced or reinstalled as soon as the purpose for which it was removed has been accomplished. Defective and nonapproved fire appliances or equipment shall be repaired as directed by the Fire Prevention Code Official. (Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.12 SALE OF DEFECTIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

No person shall sell, trade, loan, repair, recharge or give away any form, type or kind of fire extinguisher which is not approved of by the Fire Prevention Code Official, or which is not in proper working order, or the contents of which do not meet the requirements of the Fire Prevention Code Official. The requirements of this section shall not apply to the sale, trade or exchange of obsolete or damaged equipment for junk when such units are permanently disfigured or marked with a permanent sign identifying the unit as junk. (Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.13 STREET OBSTRUCTIONS.

No person shall erect, construct, place or maintain any bump, fence, gate, chain, bar, pipe, wood or metal horse or any other type of obstruction in or on any street in the Municipality. As used in this section, "street" means any roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private street, or access lanes and all public streets and highways within the boundaries of the Municipality. (Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.14 RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

The cost of any incident involving hazardous materials, liquids or chemicals in which the Fire Department or its agents are requested to control, contain, prevent or clean up such materials, shall be borne by the firm, company, individual or corporation involved in the release or possible release of such materials. All such costs incurred by the Fire Department or its agents shall be billed to such firm, company, individual or corporation. Failure to reimburse the Fire Department or its agents shall result in a special tax assessment or lien against the firm, company, individual or corporation, as allowed by law. (Ord. 203. Passed 3-8-89.)

### 1612.99 PENALTY.

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